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SUBJECT: (C) AFGHAN REFUGEES: MORE THAN 1,000,000 AND
RISING STILL

FONSEC REAZ PIRACHA OF ADDITIONAL
COMMODITIES FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES
AND NOTED THIS MADE A
TOTAL OF ONE BILLION WHICH THE US HAS CONTRIBUTED, VIA
UNHCR AND VOLARS, TO EASING PAKISTAN'S AFGHAN REFUGEE
BURDEN.

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MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM CONTINUES TO GROW. AS OF 20 JULY, HE SAID, READING FROM REPORT OF REFUGEE EMERGENCY CELL MEETING OF 24TH, THERE WERE OVER ONE MILLION REFUGEES REGISTERED IN PAKISTAN (TO BE PRECISE, 1,032,217); THUS ONE MILLION FIGURE, WHICH GOP HAD EARLIER ESTIMATED WOULD NOT BE REACHED UNTIL DECEMBER 1960, HAD BEEN BREACHED FIVE MONTHS EARLY. WHO KNOWS WHAT THE FIGURE WILL BE IN DECEMBER.

4. THE REFUGEE GROWTH, HE SAID, HAS BEEN RUNNING AT ABOUT 80-90 THOUSAND PER MONTH, THE HIGHEST MONTH BEING JANUARY, JUST AFTER THE SOVIET INVASION WHEN THE NUMBER CRESTED 100,000. THE NUMBER IN JUNE WAS 86,000. THE MALE-FEMALE RATIO AMONG THE REFUGEES, HE ADDED, IS ABOUT 60-40, BUT AN ESTIMATED 45 PERCENT OF THE REFUGEES NOW ARE CHILDREN TWELVE YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER.

5. NUMBER IN PESHAWAR ALONE HAS REACHED 150,000, THE NUMBER IN BALUCHISTAN IS NOW OVER 110,000, AND CONCENTRATIONS OF OVER 100,000 ARE TO BE FOUND IN NAZIRISTAN, KHAH/BAHNU, AND THE KURRUM AGENCY. SMALL NUMBERS, HOWEVER, ARE NOW MOVING INTO SIND AND PUNJ. THE REFUGEE CELL WAS TOLD AT THE MEETING ON THE 24TH (REF B ALSO REFERS).

6. REQUIREMENTS AND NEEDS CONSTANTLY OUTSTRIP EQUIPMENT AND COMMODITIES ON HAND. FOR INSTANCE, FONSEC NOTED, SOME 63,000 TENTS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO REFUGEES LIVE IN, BUT THE REQUIREMENT IS FOR MORE THAN 120,000 MORE (CALCULATED ON A BASIS OF 5 PEOPLE TO A TENT). PAKISTAN HAD ESTIMATED ITS COSTS IN SUPPORTING THE REFUGEES THROUGH DECEMBER 1960 AT \$203 MILLION-PLUS, FOR

7. THE REFUGEE PROBLEM IS NOT ONLY A DOMESTIC ONE, BUT A RISING FLOW OF REFUGEES IS BEING DISCOVERED ABROAD. AS AN ILLUSTRATION OF COSTS BEING ABSORBED BY GOP HE NOTED PIA HAS PLAIN IN 196 METRIC TONS OF REFUGEE RELIEF CARGO FROM 14 DIFFERENT POINTS OF ORIGIN, A CONTRIBUTION, IN TERMS OF PAYING CARGO FOREGONE, OF OVER \$2,000,000. (DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT) HUMMEL

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